

Worried Leaders Of GOP Gather In Washington

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The elders of the Republican party, who watched the troubles of 1973 overtake the triumphs of 1972, gather in the capital this week hoping to find some way to prevent disaster in 1974.

Three days of top-level GOP meetings, highlighted by a full session of the Republican National Committee on Friday, will focus on strategy for a fall campaign that some political seers already predict will end with the worst whipping the party has suffered in a decade.

Meeting just ten days after the GOP lost its fourth House seat in five special Congressional elections since February, the specter of 1964 — or, even worse, 1936 — hangs over the discussions.

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